

**REMARKS**

Applicant concurrently files herewith a Request For Continued Examination (and fee) and an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter for excess dependent claims.

New claims 25-26 have been added above to more completely define the present invention. Applicant notes that Wodarz and Agranat are completely silent regarding such features.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-16 and 21-26, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

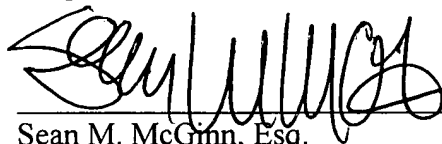
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Date:

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Respectfully Submitted,



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